THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

Writ Petition No.17215 of 2007

Dated 14-08-2007

Between:

Krishna Sai Commission Merchant,
Rep. by Prop. Peddaprolu Subbarao, and others

…Petitioners

And

The Agricultural Market Committee,
Khammam District, Rep. By its Secretary,
and another

…Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioners state that they are carrying on business in agricultural produce in Khammam District, for the last several years. With a view to obtain commission agent licences, they submitted application to the 1st respondent on several occasions. Their grievance is that, no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the respondents.

The A.P. (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Markets Act, 1966 (for short 'the Act') prescribes the procedure for grant and renewal of commission agent licences. The 1st respondent is the Licensing Authority for the area of its operation. If the petitioners have fulfilled the qualifications and requirements, for grant of commission agent licences, the 1st respondent cannot withhold the same. On the other hand, if the application submitted by the petitioners suffers from any defects, or if there exists any reasons, which disable the petitioners from being granted licence, the

1st respondent is under obligation to communicate such reasons or grounds. He cannot keep the application pending, indefinitely.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the 1st respondent to consider the application submitted by

the petitioners in accordance with Section 7(2) of the Act, and take necessary steps within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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L. NARASIMHA REDDY, J.

Dt.14-08-2007.

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